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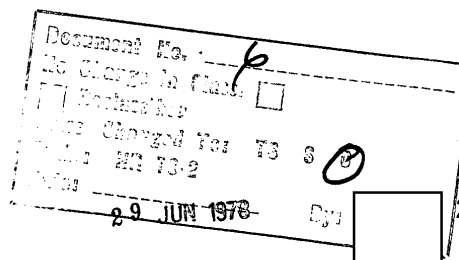
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1. At the marshalling yard located at Cierna nad Tisou, goods destined for the USSR are transferred from normal freight cars to those which run on the broad-gauge tracks in use in the USSR. There are 30 standard-gauge lines and 30 broad-gauge lines in this yard. The daily transloading capacity of the yard is 12 trains with 47-52 cars each. Work is done every day of the week and sometimes at night with the aid of floodlights. The terminal is still under construction and will not be completed before the end of November 1950. It employs 680 permanent workers as well as daily voluntary brigades.
2. Twelve lines in the northeast portion of the terminal are partitioned off by a temporary wooden fence 4 m. high. Military personnel are engaged in shipping war materiel. The area is patrolled by 12 guards, and civilians are not allowed to enter. Equipment used here is labelled "important for economic reestablishment".
3. During August 1950, 54 tanks arrived from the USSR on flat cars covered with canvas. Other items received from the USSR are farm machinery, corn, cotton and various ores, including iron ore, for Czech industry.
4. During August 1950, 84 locomotives were fitted with broad-gauge axles for shipment to the USSR. Sugar, glass and textile products as well as ready-made clothing are exported to the USSR.



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